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From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: NAVAL DOCTRINE COMMAND

1. Purpose. To direct the establishment of Naval Doctrine Command (NDC).
2. Background. The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) and the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) have recognized the need for a new command to provide an organizational focus for dealing with the development, dissemination, and evaluation of naval doctrine. This instruction directs the establishment of the Naval Doctrine Command.
3. Mission of Naval Doctrine Command. The Naval Doctrine Command will be the primary authority for the development of naval concepts and integrated naval doctrine; serve as the coordinating authority for the development and evaluation of Navy Service-unique doctrine; provide a coordinated USN/USMC naval voice in joint and combined doctrine development; and ensure naval and joint doctrine are addressed in training and education curricula and in operations, exercises, and wargames.
4. Status and Command Relationships. NDC will be an Echelon 2 shore command in an active (fully operational) status. Commander, NDC will report directly to CNO and CMC for all matters related to the development of naval concepts and integrated naval doctrine. The Commander will report to CNO for matters relating to the Navy Service-unique doctrine; Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command (MCCDC) reports to CMC for Marine Corps Service-unique doctrine. NDC will be subject to the area coordination authority of Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (CINCLANTFLT) and regional area coordination of Commander, Naval Base (COMNAVBASE) Norfolk. Commander, NDC will have broad authority to establish close liaison for doctrinal matters with: Coast Guard; MCCDC; joint, combined, and other Service doctrine centers; USN/USMC warfare centers of excellence; and appropriate USN/USMC training commands.
5. General Organizational Structure. Commander, NDC will initially be a Navy rear admiral (0-8). Subsequent commanders will alternate between a Marine Corps major general and a Navy rear admiral (0-8). The deputy will normally be from the other sea service. NDC shall have four core divisions:



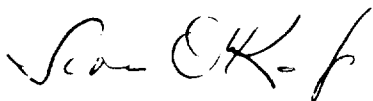
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Strategy and Concepts; Naval Doctrine Development; Joint and Combined Doctrine; and Evaluation, Training and Education. Three of the division directors will be Navy captains and one will be a Marine Corps colonel.

6. Resource Support. The CNO and CMC will provide sufficient service-balanced manpower to ensure mission accomplishment. The CNO shall provide all other resource support to NDC.

7. Action. The CNO and CMC shall issue jointly coordinated implementing instructions to establish and support NDC consistent with this instruction.



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